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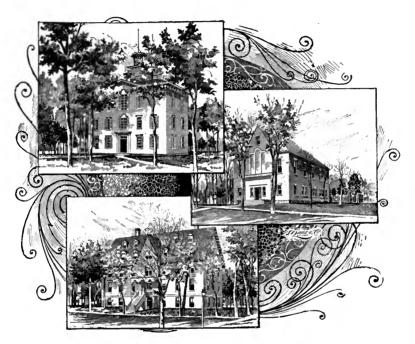
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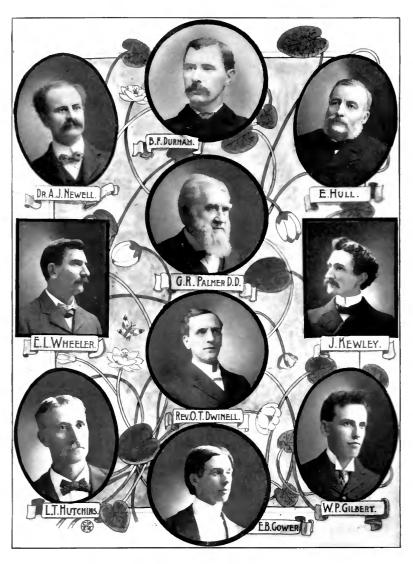
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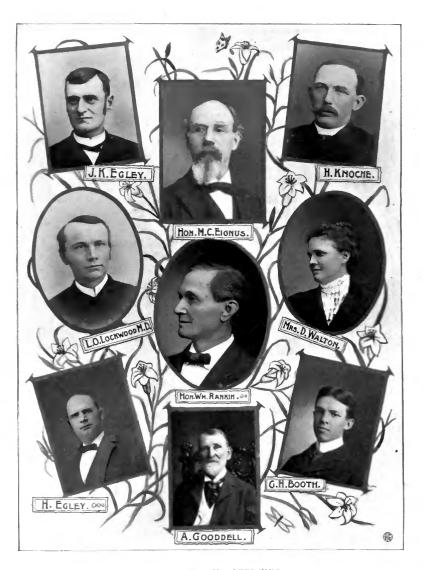
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This Souvenir Photogravure goes forth to attract the attention of those who are interested in Higher Christian Education and to direct that attention to Grand Prairie Seminary and Commercial College at Onarga, Ill.

You have heard of the school before but you will be glad to see the faces of its faculty, trustees, a few of its many friends and a very few of those who have gone from its halls into spheres of prosperity and usefulness.

If the Seminary has done magnificent work in the past—and this booklet suggests but a slight part of it—she has far brighter prospects before her in the large endowment secured; in the affiliation with Northwestern University; and especially in the faith of the people in her power, and their awakening to the value of higher christian education in a school near at hand.

The strong corps of teachers, deservedly popular with the students, who made possible the marked success of the past school year, has been nearly all retained for the coming year.

Rev. Frank G. Barnes, D. D., who has come to us from Epworth, Iowa, where he directed the affairs of Epworth Seminary for a number of years with great success, has inspired the people with confidence wherever he has met them, and promises to add great strength as Principal of the faculty.

While our major work is college preparatory we offer equally strong courses in business and short-hand, normal, music, elocution and physical culture, and art.

We want you who are older among our friends and patrons. We want you to be interested in the Seminary as a possible center of tremendous influence for good. Such centers are needed and must have support. We want you who are younger, whose education is not yet completed, to come where you may be inspired and prepared for your place in the great world in which you live. The University has passed its fiftieth year; the Seminary is nearing its fortieth birthday. Their students are counted by the many thousands and are occupying the best of positions everywhere in the world. Come and receive christian culture and development; come and prepare yourself for the position that is waiting for for you; come and join the ranks preparing for the battle of life and the victory of faith; come and touch elbows with the earnest company of young men and women striving to become the worthy successors of the aged alumni whose work is well done.

CALENDAR.

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Fall Term begins	September 3, 1901
Winter Term begins	December 3, 1902
Spring Term begins	March 18, 1902
Baccalaureate Sunday	June 1, 1902
Commencement Day	June 5, 1902

THE NEW PRESIDENT OF GRAND PRAIRIE SEMINARY $\qquad \text{AND COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.}$



REV. FRANK G. BARNES, D. D.



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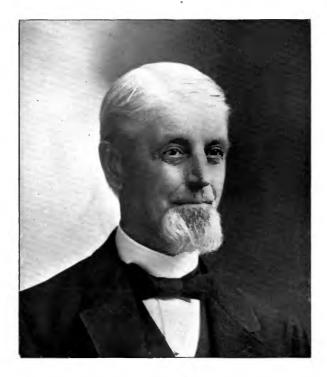
Mr. Rankin is State Representative, an extensive farmer, stockman and banker, and takes an active interest in all educational and church matters. Being a resident of Onarga, her people are very grateful to him as a benefactor, he having made the first offer of \$25,000 for the endowment of the Seminary.



DR. D. K. PEARSON, CHICAGO, ILL.

One of the liberal endowers of the Seminary.

Dr. Pearson has helped largely in the endowment of more than twenty seminaries and colleges and is one of the leading philanthropists of our country. He is a firm believer in the small christian school, and followed Mr. Rankin's offer with \$22,000.



ELIJAH BUNNELL, MILFORD, ILL.

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Mr. Bunnell is a pioneer citizen of Iroquois County, an extensive farmer, a Methodist, and for several years a substantial patron of the Seminary.



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Pastor of the M. E. Church, Onarga, Ill.
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Mr. Dwinell was untiring in his efforts to secure the endowment of \$100,000. A debt of \$14,000 was paid off and the Seminary affiliated with Northwestern University, which places this school upon a firm and permanent foundation.

Acting President Grand Prairie Seminary, 1900-1901.

GROUP OF SOME OF THE FORMER PRESIDENTS OF GRAND PRAIRIE SEMINARY.











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A large number of our students during the past few years have been readers of this magazine, published at 202 Broadway, New York. We suggest that persons interested write for sample copy.



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MR AND MRS. G. FOREMAN, THAWVILLE, ILL.

Mr. and Mrs. Foreman were teachers in the Melvin schools for nine years and say they never regret the time they spent in Grand Prairie Seminary. Both are graduates of the literary course.

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The Chrestomathean is the oldest society in the school, having been organized in 1864. This society holds its meetings on Saturday nights. It has an exclusive organization and a charter.



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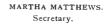


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Pastor M. E. Church, Del Rey, Ill. Mr. Langdoc is a successful young minister. Through his efforts he is building up a large church membership.

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This is a mixed society of young men and women and holds its meetings on Thursday nights.

Mr. Collins recently secured a position as stenographer with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad at Chicago, Ill., in the local freight office, 160 Polk Street and Pacific Avenue.



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D. W. McMILLAN,

Commercial teacher in Public Schools, Coldwater, Mich.

Mr. McMillan is a graduate of both the literary and business courses of the Seminary. He has been very successful in his present position, which he has held for the past two years, and is elected again for next year.



EDNA E. LEONARD.

Clerk in Census Department of the government, Washington, D. C. Salary \$1,000 per year

Miss Leonard is a graduate of our business department and went to Washington in June, 1900, where she successfully passed an examination and was immediately appointed to the position she now holds.

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Mr. Scott is an enthusiast in athletics. He is also Pastor of the M. E. Church at La Hogue, Ill., where he has been very successful in his work.



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Stenographer for H. M. Wood Commission Co., South Water Street, Chicago. Salary \$740. Mr. Burr is a graduate of our business department and in a letter says: "Having spent a little more than a year at Grand Prairie Seminary and Commercial College, I can say it is the cynosure of those desiring a practical commercial education."



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Stenographer for Worst & Co., Chicago, Ill. Miss Amidon is a very rapid writer of shorthand and has a good English education, which fits her for the position she now holds.



EDITH HARRY.

Stenographer in the office of her father, Judge Harry, Watseka, Ill.

Miss Harry is a graduate of the scientific course, Class 1900, and also pursued a course in shorthand while in the Seminary.



LEWIS LINDHOLM.

Stenographer and bookkeeper in Roddick & Son's real estate and insurance office, Chicago.

Mr. Lindholm spent nearly two years as a student in our business and shorthand departments and says he is very grateful for the good influences and inspirations brought to bear upon him while in school.



R C. LUTTON.

Assistant Traffic Manager for the National Enameline and Stamping Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Lutton has been engaged with the above company for more than a year and has served in the capacity of bookkeeper, as stenographer, and as clerk.



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Stenographer and assistant bookkeeper for R. L. Cummings, grain dealer, Clifton, Ill.

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WM. O. KEEFE.

Bookkeeper for McKinney Hardware & Lumber Co., Piper City, Ill.

Mr. Keefe is a well qualified bookkeeper and a graduate of the Class of 1900.



A. F. ANDERSON.

Stenographer and bill-clerk for a Chicago Lumber Co.

Mr. Anderson has an all-around commercial education and is a good writer of Graham shorthand. He has recently been promoted in salary.



FRANK P. McDonald.

Bookkeeper for Marshall Field & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Mr. McDonald is a first-class accountant, rapid in figures and capable of handling a large amount of work.



GEORGE LINDHOLM.

Clerk in J. L. Saxton's dry goods house, Gibson City, Ill.

Mr. Lindholm has had considerable experience in business, and says that he never regrets the time he spentin the business department of Grand Prairie Seminary.



VIEW OF AUDITORIUM PLATFORM.



RICHARD MEENTS.

Cashier of Meents & Sons' Bank, Ashkum, Ill.

Mr. Meents is a former student and one of several of the same family who have secured an education in Grand Prairie Seminary.



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REV. FRANK G. BARNES, D. D. President : : : ONARGA, ILLINOIS

O the peruser of this book, especially to those who contemplate gaining an education on economical plans, will find upon investigation and by practical experience that Grand Prairie Seminary and Commercial College is a reasonable seat, if not the most reasonable whereby an education can be obtained.

It is the experience of many who have passed the time of study and entered into the stern realities of life, that while in pursuit of knowledge they made a great mistake, namely—after spending two years in the preparatory course they did not continue in the same line of study for two more years which would have placed them on the same footing with those who did. We find many who are doing the same thing by leaving off at the two year period and taking up a line of study that prepares them for the commercial world. There is plenty of time for one to complete that line after a thorough knowledge in literature. Make yourself capable of holding any position that may come to you in life, and should you be awarded a position that requires knowledge foreign to that which can be obtained by a mere preparatory course, you will be ready to fill the position acceptably.

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